



# Peres to coalition: We've never had it so good

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres addressed a meeting of coalition MKs yesterday, and delivered a "we've-never-had-it-so-good" campaign speech.

LIAT COLLINS

Agreements putting an end to war in the region and, in a reference to the recent Nautilus laser test, said: "I warn those who fire the Katyushas not to wait very long. Soon there will be a weapon against Katyushas."

He dismissed Likud claims that his government would divide Jerusalem or turn it into the capital of a Palestinian state. "Like a solid rock, we will stand firm on a united Jerusalem as the capital of Israel," he said.

## Labor submits early elections bill

LIAT COLLINS

LABOR Knesset faction chairman Ra'anan Cohen yesterday submitted four bills concerning early elections to Speaker Shevah Weiss.

The second would reduce the waiting period for the official results from 14 days to 10 days. The third bill says the second round of the prime ministerial election, if necessary, will take place two weeks after the first round.

## Opposition meets to discuss early election

ALL opposition factions will work together to prevent the government from changing the laws on the electoral process, but welcome the announcement of early elections, Likud Knesset faction head Moshe Katsav said yesterday.

LIAT COLLINS

Peres's speech was an attempt to put the blame for Rabin's assassination on the opposition, and that Peres had not given one good reason for bringing the elections forward.

get hurt in the process. Therefore I think it won't use Rabin's murder for political gain. MK Limor Livnat, responsible for the Likud's campaign, said Labor "must understand that if it uses the Rabin assassination in its campaign, we won't be able to still and do nothing while being hit below the belt."

Opposition faction heads met to discuss the early elections. Among their chief concerns are changes in the law banning the showing of candidates faces on Israel Television for 30 days before the polls and the ban on Channel 2 running political advertising.

National Religious Party faction leader Yigal Bibi said his party would be the third largest after the elections and welcomed early elections. "We need to unite and work together against election laws which are being dictated to us against our will," he said.

She accused Shimon Peres of starting his campaign Sunday night by "saying everything but the truth." The joint Likud-Tsomet campaign will stress such issues as preserving the status of Jerusalem and the Golan Heights and preventing the establishment of a Palestinian state, Livnat (Likud), who met with Tsomet MKs and candidates and representatives of the advertising agencies responsible for the campaign, said.



Yasser Arafat accepts congratulations after swearing himself in as president of the Palestinian National Authority yesterday.

## Interior Ministry warns settlements against using gov't funds in elections

HERB KEINON

SETTLEMENTS cannot transfer funds to the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza if this money will be used in the upcoming election campaign, Avraham Kalagi, the director-general of the Interior Ministry, said yesterday.

Money for "other purposes," he said, does not come from the various local and regional councils.

The council is funded both by contributions from the 21 regional and local councils in the territories, which each pay a sum linked to the number of residents, and by privately raised funds. The settlement council has a well-oiled fundraising apparatus that raises millions of shekels a year abroad. The council itself does not receive government funds.

Ma'aleh Adumim Mayor Benny Kashriel said the Interior Ministry directive was unnecessary, and that it is clear that we "we will certainly not use tax-payers' money for partisan political purposes." Kashriel said that as a member of the settlement council executive, he knows which funds are being used for which purposes.

## ARAFAT

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be nominated as president of the legislative council.

Sarid wrote: "You, Mr. Rais, have become a courageous and faithful partner for reconciliation between our two nations. I am sure you will continue to fulfill your duties in the wending and stubborn war against the enemies of peace, just as we must uproot our errant weeds."

Environment Minister Yossi Sarid sent a congratulatory cable to Arafat, indicating he would send another telegram when he leader becomes president of the Palestinian state.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Two killed, seven hurt in crash

Two persons were killed and seven injured yesterday, in a head-on collision between a truck and a van near the Negev town of Rahat. Police said the truck, which was turning left, apparently failed to yield the right of way to the van. The driver of the van was killed instantly - his body had to be cut out of the van - and one of his passenger later died of his injuries.

### Supreme Court doubles rapist's sentence

The Supreme Court yesterday more than doubled the sentence of a man convicted of raping a mentally retarded girl. The man, who heads the Givat Ada Religious Council, was sentenced to 3 1/2 years by Haifa District Court. He appealed the harshness of his sentence, claiming the girl had consented to have sex with him. The state lodged a counterappeal, arguing that the girl had not really understood what was going on.

### Hai Vekayam head acquitted

Yehuda Etzion, the head of Hai Vekayam, was acquitted yesterday on charges that he violated a court order, issued last year, forbidding him from coming within three meters of the Temple Mount. Jerusalem Magistrate's Court Judge David Frankel ruled that the court order had violated basic laws. He said there had been no proof presented to the court that issued the order that Etzion had ever been convicted of a crime.

### Vanunu nominated for Nobel Peace Prize

Anti-nuclear activist Joseph Rotblat, who shared last year's peace prize with the Pugwash group, has suggested that Mordechai Vanunu, imprisoned since 1986 for revealing secrets about the country's atomic weapons secrets, receive the 1996 Nobel Peace Prize. Other known candidates include US President Bill Clinton and Richard Holbrooke, a US assistant secretary of state, for their efforts to bring peace to Bosnia.

### 'Elections won't affect Syrian talks'

The early elections are not expected to affect the peace talks with Syria, Foreign Minister Ehud Barak said yesterday in New York. The talks will continue until shortly before the election and will resume shortly afterward, he said.

### Restitution body to deal with Swiss banks

Submission of inquiries into Holocaust victims' Swiss bank accounts, which involves a fee of some 300 Swiss francs, can be done through the World Jewish Restitution Organization, the organization announced yesterday. The announcement follows the Swiss Bankers' Association's admission last week that 51 financial institutions in Switzerland and Liechtenstein have some \$32 million worth of unclaimed, pre-1945 deposits in accounts which have been dormant since then.

### Two arrested after running roadblock

Two Israelis were arrested yesterday, after driving through two roadblocks north of Ramallah and nearly running down an Israeli policeman. The two, according to police spokesmen, were involved in an accident with a vehicle belonging to Palestinians, and were apparently trying to flee.

## Government committee on settlement construction to meet later this month

HERB KEINON

THE government's interministerial committee on settlements, which must approve new Jewish construction in the territories, is scheduled to meet for the first time in nearly a year on February 25. Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer told a group of settlement leaders yesterday.

Kashriel said it is possible that convening the committee now is tied to the elections. "The government does not want to be perceived as stopping building in Greater Jerusalem," Kashriel said.

Israel insists that the terminal building be in an area under its authority so that it can monitor everyone arriving at and departing from the airport.

Kashriel warned that if plans are not approved, "we will embark on a struggle no less intense than what the Omani workers waged. The minute we feel that our backs are against the wall, we will fight back."

## Liba'i: Amir-led Knesset slate would never be permitted

EVELYN GORDON

A KNESSET slate composed of Yigal Amir, Ami Popper, and Avigdor Eskin could never happen, because it would violate several laws, Justice Minister David Liba'i said yesterday.

idea died out, and he had never agreed to run on such a list, he said. Eskin added he had considered setting up his own independent list, but had abandoned the idea when it became clear that elections were to be advanced.

## IDF, PA reach agreement on Rafah airport

JON IMMANUEL

FOLLOWING tense confrontations between the IDF and the Palestinian Police, an agreement was reached to resume preliminary work on the Palestinian Authority airport runway at Rafah.

Oren Shabor, the government coordinator in the territories, the PA agreed to change the angle of the runway by 10 degrees. This would alter takeoff and landing paths to reduce wind resistance and ensure flight routes will not be directly over the Egyptian border.

There have been confrontations between soldiers and Palestinian policemen this week over Israeli attempts to stop the work, which is partly in an area under joint Israeli-Palestinian control.

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**SOCIAL & PERSONAL**  
THE WEEKLY MEETING of the English-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place TODAY/TUESDAY February 13 at 12:15 p.m. (instead of the regular Wednesday meeting) at the YMCA, King David Street, for a visit to the Nazarene Rotary Club. The bus will leave from the YMCA at 12:30 p.m. promptly.

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Singer's Chance-y move pays off

A dozen years ago, London securities trader Michael Chance took a flyer on an unknown stock - his own future as a singer.

Garden. "After all, the story of that oratorio was about the rebuilding of the city of Jerusalem, and there I, was in Jerusalem itself sort of singing it on site."

Every man is capable of singing falsetto, if trained, he says. "It's like when you blow a recorder with more air than normal and you hear a squeaky tone," he explains.

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

developing and enlarging and improving repertoire. But as for Oberon, I have done it in three productions, but the nature of the writing is so that it makes the voice sexless and disembodied and not of this world.

business "people are competitive, of course they are. But I'm determined to have a good time and have fun. The basis of all this is to agree to play together rather like a sport team.

music concert series - Chance will perform a program focusing on Monteverdi and Purcell. He will also sing the famous aria from Handel's Rinaldo, featured in the film Farielli, which is about the life of a famous castrato.

Chance, 40 and the father of two, vividly remembers that previous appearance, in Handel's oratorio Belshazzar with the Stuttgart Chamber Choir and the Israel Chamber Orchestra.

Cave: Killing us softly

NEW RELEASES TIRZAH AGASSI

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(you guessed it) kills the guy, manages to haunt. Otherwise, Cave tends to drone.

the film first hit local screens, it is still playing and the soundtrack (Helicon) is selling like a Top Ten hotcake.

who stayed home that it is the latter path that leads to happiness. The Village People sing to gay boys all over the world that they should "Go West," presumably to the Mecca of San Francisco.

Al Pacino gets a co-star he just couldn't refuse

AL PACINO IS ABSORBING, always absorbing. "Acting comes out of chaos," he says, talking with his hands.

anticipated work with De Niro, although limited to three scenes, was worth the wait for Pacino. "I've known him a long time. Over the years I've grown very fond of him, of his work and as a person, too," Pacino says.

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that again. Even with all the success that came. "Pacino's greatness wasn't self-taught. Before winning acceptance to the Actors' Studio to work with the legendary Lee Strasberg, he studied with Charles Laughton at the Herbert Berghof Studio.

Lee and I became very close later, because we worked together," Pacino says of the famed drama teacher who died in 1982 and who appeared in The Godfather Part II.

Orgad, spiritual master still

Concerts dedicated to a single composer are rare events in our musical life, and so thanks must go to pianist Zecharia Plavin for organizing such an evening in Ben-Zion Orgad's honor.

CONCERT ROUNDUP soloists, soprano Shosh Lagil and mezzo-soprano Shira Schweitzer and Shira Carmon. Tel Aviv Museum, February 8. Benjamin Bar-Am

its teachers presented a Winter Concert of music and dance. What was particularly attractive about this program was its variety and the fact that it was performed mostly by seventh- to 12th-grade pupils.

Adam and Eve speak Yiddish, naturally

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THEATER REVIEW NAOMI DOUDAI

yet another evening's entertainment that may be enjoyed by all. This time around there is an intriguing Hebrew annotation that helps to keep non-Yiddish speakers in the picture. It is narrated with great verve by Gadi Yagil, who also figures in the main role.

DANCE REVIEW DORA SOWDEN

The Office, performed to Dvorak's Bagatelles Op. 47, had lively moments and rigid tension while people waited to be interviewed (presumably). Grand Duo, with Lou Harrison's wretid inventions for violin and piano (Eckart Lorenzen and Linda Dowdell), was splendidly buoyant and the dancing was excellent, the best of the evening.

extraordinary singing voice is an intriguing choice, justified by her outstanding performance. Nurit Banai serves as her understudy with great charm, too. Set, costumes, and singing are all higher than Yiddishpiel's usual standard, as easy on the eye as on the ear.

IN COMMEMORATION of Oded Shur, former principal of the Rubin Music Academy's High School, its students and some of

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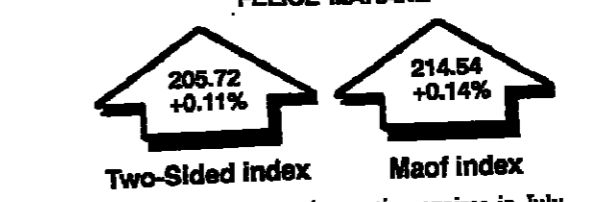


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Indexes static as traders wait for CPI

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET



INDEXES closed little changed yesterday after falling for two days, as investors waited for January inflation figures, due on Thursday.
'Everyone's waiting for the Consumer Price Index,' said Dan Zacharie, a broker with Capital Future Markets, the Tel Aviv investment firm.

FTSE Index closes 10.3 points higher

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuters) - UK blue chips overcame early jitters over domestic political worries, ending modestly higher yesterday after a boost from weaker-than-expected January producer price data and another sharp rise on Wall Street.
The FTSE index closed up 10.3 at 3,726.6.

Dow breaks 5,600, a record

NEW YORK (Reuters) - The Dow Jones industrial average set a record for the sixth session in a row yesterday, closing above 5,600 points for the first time in an amazing display of bullishness by investors.
Based on early and unofficial data, the Dow Jones index closed up 58.53 points at 5,600.15, eclipsing last Friday's record of 5,541.42.

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# 'Yediot' editors indicted

**RAINE MARCUS**

**YEDIOT** *Aharonot* editor Moshe Vardi and former news editor Ruth Ben-Ari were indicted yesterday by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court on three charges of commissioning and use of wiretapping.

Ben-Ari took leave from her post last week, following a three-year term, and will take on another position at the daily.

A trial date has not yet been set. Court president Judge Dan Arbel is expected to decide shortly who will preside over what promises to be a long trial.

According to the charge sheet, Ben-Ari and Vardi met with private investigators Amir Ben-Asher and Ya'acov Bak at the end of 1992 at Ben-Ari's Ramat Gan home to discuss commissioning the wiretapping of two home phones of former *Yediot* editor-in-chief Dov Yudkovsky, after the latter moved to *Ma'ariv*. Bak and Ben-Asher asked fellow private investigator Rafi Friedman to install wiretapping equipment on Yudkovsky's phone lines.

Friedman is presently on trial for some 50 charges of wiretapping, allegedly on behalf



'Yediot Aharonot' editor Moshe Vardi arrives at National Serious Crimes Squad headquarters for questioning last April. (Hanoch Griszitky/Israel Sun)

of *Ma'ariv* publisher Ofer Nimrodi. He first mentioned Vardi and Ben-Ari's names in connection with the Yudkovsky bugging during one of his court hearings some 18 months ago.

Friedman allegedly hired Honi Mizaki, a former Bezek technician and a bugging specialist, to plant two bugs in the Bezek junction box near Yudkovsky's home. Mizaki, recently released from prison

after serving a 27-month sentence for other wiretapping charges, is now on trial with Friedman in the media wiretapping case.

The second charge relates to an illegally recorded cellular phone conversation, taped at the end of 1992 or the beginning of 1993, between Nimrodi and *Yediot* publisher Noni Mozes. According to the indictment, the recording was passed on to Bak by Friedman, then Vardi kept the cassette and both he and Ben-Ari listened to it.

Vardi and Ben-Ari are also charged with conspiring to tap the home and office phones of *Yediot* graphic artist Orit Lipshitz in 1992. They allegedly asked Bak and Ben-Asher to bug her phones, but the latter failed due to technical difficulties.

Prosecution witnesses who will testify against the pair include Bak and Ben-Asher. Bak, a former IDF and police officer, is serving a term for conspiracy and attempted murder. Ben-Asher, a former IDF intelligence officer, is awaiting a verdict on the same charges. Friedman, Mizaki, and former Bezek technician Baruch Rubinstein will also testify against Vardi and Ben-Ari.

# Tabloid editors' indictment won't stop circulation war

## BACKGROUND

**RAINE MARCUS**

**YEDIOT** *Aharonot* editor Moshe Vardi has continually denied all connection to wiretapping, *Ma'ariv*'s publishers, say *Yediot* sources, were the real culprits who commissioned wiretapping on newspaper and business rivals.

Former *Ma'ariv* chief editor and publisher Ofer Nimrodi, awaiting trial on 15 charges of commissioning wiretapping and obstructing justice by paying hush money, resigned his post under pressure by the National Federation of Journalists. He is still the daily's chairman.

Nimrodi was charged in August along with *Ma'ariv* security officer David Ronen, but has not yet filed a plea, because his lawyers claim they have not yet received all prosecution evidence. The case may take years.

Just prior to Nimrodi's indictment, federation's chairman Sara Friedman threatened that if he did not resign she would call on the country's journalists to strike. Her position has not changed regarding Vardi. "As we said then, any jour-

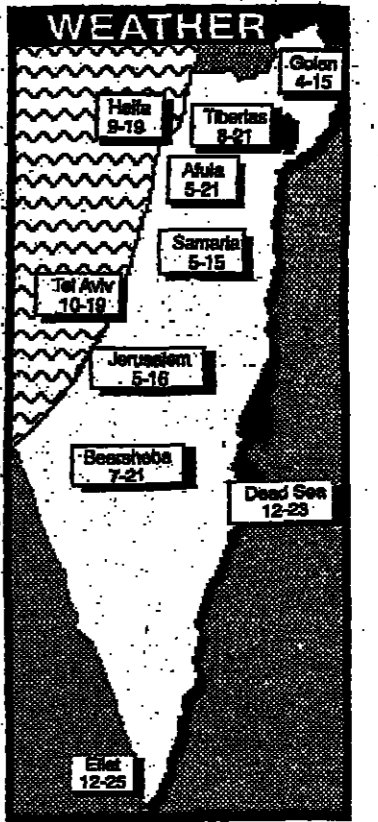
nalist indicted on criminal charges must suspend himself until the end of criminal proceedings," she said this week. Vardi has said he will not resign. Tomorrow the federation is to decide on further action.

Although the three charges against Vardi are somewhat less than Nimrodi's 15, he still faces a dilemma which will only add to the long and bitter circulation war between the two dailies. If he resigns, it is not known who will replace him. A replacement for Ben-Ari has still not yet been appointed.

On Army Radio yesterday, *Yediot* diplomatic reporter Shimon Shiffer (whose phone was also tapped, allegedly on Nimrodi's orders), spoke out in favor of Vardi's decision not to resign. "The trial could take years," he said. "What happens if [Vardi] is found innocent, and in the meantime has resigned his post?"

The war between the tabloids has not yet ended. Reporting of the media wiretapping case has for the past two years been contentious, and will continue to be. Last Friday, with the news of the impending indictments, *Ma'ariv* published a full-page spread (and front-page teaser) "convicting" Vardi and Ben-Ari. *Yediot*, for its part, gives anything implicating Nimrodi extensive coverage.

Sara Friedman, herself a *Ma'ariv* employee, proposed last year that the Itim news agency cover the case to put an end to the wars on the printed page.



**AROUND THE WORLD**

City	Low	High	Chance
Amman	12	18	partly
Bahrain	28	35	partly
Bombay	25	32	partly
Chicago	32	40	partly
Hong Kong	18	25	partly
London	8	15	partly
Los Angeles	18	25	partly
Madrid	15	22	partly
Mexico	22	30	partly
New York	32	40	partly
Paris	10	18	partly
Shanghai	25	32	partly
Sydney	18	25	partly

**Winning cards**  
In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the nine of spades, ace of hearts, queen of diamonds, and ace of clubs.

# Unions to disrupt economy over gov't-Histadrut pension plan

**MICHAEL YUDELMAN**

THE large labor unions are threatening to disrupt the economy as a prelude to an all-out strike, unless the government cancels its pension settlement, which they say violates workers' rights and gravely decreases their pensions.

On Thursday, air traffic at Ben-Gurion Airport will be seriously disrupted as El Al and Airports Authority workers hold protest meetings from 10 a.m. to noon. Some schools will open late, as secondary school teachers start work at 10 a.m. instead of 8.

Bezek and civilian employees of the IDF are to join the sanctions next week by holding protest meetings.

The union heads of the Israel Aircraft Industries, El Al, Airports Authority, secondary teachers, Bezek, TAAS, and IDF civilian workers have set up a headquarters to coordinate their campaign.

At a press conference yesterday, they claimed that Treasury regulations issued two years ago violate all the promises the Histadrut made not to damage the rights of pension fund members, and seriously erode their pensions.

IAI union head Haim Katz said the situation began with government-spread reports of horrendous actuary deficits accumulated by the Histadrut's pension funds, which were intended to cause panic and prepare the way for the Draconian new pension plan.

In exchange for ensuring workers' pensions, thought to be in jeopardy due to the "actuary deficits," the government decided to cut the pension rights.

However, when the union heads had the pension funds' financial situation checked by independent experts, it transpired that the huge "deficit" was the result of calcu-

lations based on fictitious figures. In fact, the largest pension funds, Mivtachim and Makefet, which ensure two-thirds of the country's workers, have no actuary deficit at all.

Pension adviser Dan Sprinczak said that in order to cover the deficit of the remaining third, the Finance Ministry decided to take money from the pension savings of workers insured with the other funds. In addition, "instead of counting the worker's last wage as the basis for pension, the Treasury decided the basis would be the average pay of the last three years, drastically reducing the worker's pension."

Moreover, added Katz, "The Treasury, while screaming bloody murder at the pension funds' so-called deficits, pays budgetary pension to tens of thousands of civil servants and government corporation employees directly from the state budget. Nobody ever dreamed of cutting their pensions, or saying the funds are empty, because there are no funds for it."

"We are not asking for charity. This is money deducted from our pay year after year until we are 65, and money which the employers put aside for us instead of adding it to our wages." Secondary School Teachers' Union head Shosh Oren said. "Let us grow old with dignity, with rights we have paid for in full."

Katz warned that, if necessary, Israeli workers would take to the streets and paralyze the entire country, as France's workers did in December, in their fight for pension rights.

The Treasury said yesterday that the government-Histadrut pension agreement ensures all the members' rights.

# Rafael workers burn tires, block highway over dismissals

**DAVID RUDGE**

**ANGRY** Rafael workers burned tires and blocked the main Acre-Eilat highway outside the giant armaments development authority plant yesterday in protest over the planned dismissal of 90 employees.

Police dispersed the demonstrators by force, after repeated requests to disband quietly were ignored. Eight of the protesters were arrested, seven of whom were still being questioned last night, although they were expected to be released.

The disturbances erupted after thousands of workers downed tools and walked to the factory gates, where 70 fired colleagues are staging a hunger strike. The strikers, who have pitched a tent near the entrance to the plant, are demanding that management cease dismissal procedures and return to negotiations.

The demonstration spilled over onto the main road, which the protesters blocked on and off for two hours, causing massive traffic jams, before police moved in.

Union leaders warned that their members were becoming increasingly bitter and said they would not be responsible for actions which the employees might stage on their own.

During a mass rally afterwards chanting protesters called for the resignation of Rafael managing director Yitzhak Gat, whom they accused of intransigence and trying to split the works committees.

Management, however, appears determined to continue dismissing 350 government employees, an action approved by the Civil Service Commission and the National Labor Court.

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